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News Release

NINE CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE 1000 KILOS OF MARIJUANA

Drugs Were Hidden In Furniture And Carried From Mexico Into U.S.

PHILADELPHIA – United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of a two-count Indictment¹ charging TERRANCE PROKES, STANFORD SCOTT, DERRICK ECCLESTON, ANDRE BAUGH, DAVE ECCLESTON, GLENN DOOLEY, a/k/a Edward Dunn, WARREN GARIBALDI, CARL POWELL, a/k/a Nicholas Johnson, and GARTH LOVE with conspiracy to distribute more than 1000 kilograms of marijuana and possession with intent to distribute more than 1000 kilograms of marijuana.

On November 15, 2005, the defendants met at a warehouse on Geiger Road in the Northeast Section of Philadelphia. There, they broke open approximately 14 wooden entertainment centers and removed more than 1000 bricks of marijuana from the furniture.

"About a week earlier, a tractor trailer carrying the marijuana-laden furniture entered the United States in Laredo, Texas from Mexico," said Meehan. "That trailer was headed to the warehouse in Philadelphia where the marijuana would eventually be sold on the street."

Customs and Border Protection Officers determined that the furniture in the trailer actually contained marijuana and government agents seized the trailer and accompanied it to the warehouse in Philadelphia. Before the trailer arrived, the government obtained permission from a judge to place closed circuit televisions in the warehouse; government agents placed the closed circuit televisions in the warehouse on the early morning of November 15, 2005.

Later that day, defendants TERRANCE PROKES, STANFORD SCOTT, DERRICK ECCLESTON, ANDRE BAUGH, DAVE ECCLESTON, GLENN DOOLEY, WARREN GARIBALDI, CARL

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¹ An indictment or information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

POWELL and GARTH LOVE arrived at the warehouse. All but GARTH LOVE actually entered the warehouse and helped break open the pieces of furniture, handled the more than 1000 bricks of marijuana, and/or helped place the bricks of marijuana in black, plastic garbage bags.

After the defendants loaded almost half of the bricks of marijuana into two minivans, defendants CARL POWELL and GARTH LOVE drove the minivans from the warehouse. POWELL was arrested in his van, with approximately 226 bricks of marijuana. LOVE was arrested in his van, with approximately 211 bricks of marijuana. The other defendants – TERRANCE PROKES, STANFORD SCOTT, DERRICK ECCLESTON, ANDRE BAUGH, DAVE ECCLESTON, GLENN DOOLEY and WARREN GARIBALDI – then ran or hid.

"As partners in the Philadelphia High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) initiative, we have dismantled an organization accused of using sophisticated techniques to import large quantities of marijuana from Mexico into the United States for ultimate distribution in the Philadelphia area," said John P. Kelleghan, Acting Special Agent-in-Charge for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Philadelphia.

If convicted, on either count, the defendants face a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment, a \$4,000,000 fine, at least 5 years up to lifetime supervised release and a \$100 special assessment. All defendants face a 10 year mandatory minimum if convicted.

The case was an investigated by and included the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Pennsylvania State Police, and the Philadelphia Police Department, who are all working as partners in the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) task force.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	Date of Birth
TERRANCE PROKES	15700 block North Pima Rd. Scottsdale, AZ	10/12/58
STANFORD SCOTT	7200 block Bradford Road Upper Darby, PA	1/13/69
DERRICK ECCLESTON	900 block North 63 rd Street Philadelphia, PA	12/7/66
ANDRE BAUGH	200 block North Gate Village Burlington, NJ	5/10/83
DAVE ECCLESTON	7800 block Williams Street Philadelphia, PA	7/8/72
	Philadelphia, PA	

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GLENN DOOLEY, a/k/a Edward Dunn	2700 block of Aberdeen Street Philadelphia, PA	2/01/67
WARREN GARIBALDI	1700 block Aberdeen Street Philadelphia, PA	8/22/72
CARL POWELL a/k/a Nicholas Johnson	6700 block of Rockaway Pkwy Brooklyn, NY	1/2/72
GARTH LOVE	1200 block of E. Palifox Street Tampa, FL	10/3/64

The case has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Todd Schulman.

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